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Some days ago a report reached Teheran that a British Indian subject had died of bubonic plague at Bassorah on the Tigris. This news has caused considerable anxiety in official circles in Teheran, and a meeting of the sanitary council was ordered to be convened to devise means for establishing quarantine stations at Persian ports on the Persian Gulf. The inclosed notice is the result. Bassorah is the Tigris landing where steamships from Europe and India discharge their cargoes for Bagdad and other inland places. Two or three lines of steamers call there regularly at stated intervals, though not all of them directly from Bombay. This particular case, if correctly reported, was probably brought by one of the ships of the British Steam Navigation Company, which are the principal carriers for the Gulf.

It has been proposed that the quarantine be regulated by the sanitary council, but I am very doubtful whether either officers or funds sufficient for the purpose will be found, or whether men, if provided, would be of any practical use.

I will communicate to the Department any further information I may receive on the subject.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN TYLER,
Vice-Consul-General, in Charge.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

Copy of telegraphic report of the sanitary condition of Bushire.

JUNE 16, 1899.

On this 5th instant (5th of Safar—14th of June), thank God, not an individual of the population of Bushire has died of this disease (plague). On the 6th (Safar) only 1 woman of 60 years of age died from natural causes in this city. There is nothing of importance to be added.

Sealed by the Mushir-ul-Mulk, acting foreign minister.

JOHN TYLER,
Translator.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

SAN SALVADOR.

No yellow fever at La Libertad.

UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENCY,
La Libertad, July 9, 1899.

SIR: Acting upon instructions of the third assistant secretary, I have the honor to inform you that yellow fever does not exist at this port at present, and the surrounding country is perfectly healthy.

Respectfully, yours,

ALFRED COOPER,
United States Consular Agent.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.